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"Join Ours" or "Do It Yourself" Activities Expanded For Teens

By Lewis Simons

Teenage club members at the Y can look forward to a year of expanded activities of every variety — dances, parties, week-end trips, sports and cultural development.

The already vast recreational program for teenagers has been broadened to include just about everything in this area that could possibly interest teenage boys and girls.

New this year are *Adventures in Judaism* and *Israeli Dance* — both coed. A few popular features being brought back from previous years are *Folk Singing*, *Group Guitar Lessons* and *Social Dance Instructions* — all these are coed too.

For boys only, there's *Judo* and *Fencing*. For girls, *Modern Dance* and *Charm Club*.

What some teens don't know is that they're not bound by present organized Y activities. The Y offers expert help to individuals and groups of friends interested in forming a new club or activity.

A staff of experts is on hand for the sole purpose of advising teen groups and helping individual teenagers find the clubs which will suit their own needs and interests.

Sundays are the most popular days for teens at the Y. A typical Sunday will keep a teenager jumping for six or eight hours — have him (or her) meeting new people, working or playing at sports or games, dancing, singing — and going home as tired and happy as a teen's ever been.

Novelist Hortense Calisher Reads From Works Nov. 3

Novelist and short story writer Hortense Calisher reads from her works in a Y Poetry Center program this Sunday evening, November 3, at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is \$1.50 and tickets are on sale in the Educational Department office, Room 259.

Miss Calisher's most recent book is *Textures of Life*, a novel about a young married couple. She has also written *False Entry* and *Tale for the Mirror*.

Redecorated Cafeteria Open For New Season

A newly decorated and modernized cafeteria is now open to members and their friends with a wide range of hot and cold dishes offered.

There will be personal service of all hot dishes, while vending machines will supply sandwiches, desserts, salads, beverages and cake.

The hours of the cafeteria, located one flight down, are:
Mon. to Thurs. 11 A.M. to 11 P.M.
Friday 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Saturday 7 to 11 P.M.
Sunday 11 A.M. to 11 P.M.

Camp Freedman Holds An Israeli Folk Dance Weekend Nov. 8-10

Camp Isabella Freedman conducts its annual Fall Israeli Folk Dance Weekend, with Fred Berk, from November 8 to 10 at the camp site in the Connecticut Berkshires.

Mr. Berk, who recently returned from a summer trip to Israel, will teach some of the new dances he learned on the trip.

There will also be a number of workshops for beginning and advanced dancers, plus a "welcome back" party for Mr. Berk on Saturday evening, featuring Israeli wine and food.

Other outdoor activities over the weekend include boating, hiking, biking and sports.

Cost of the weekend is \$23.50, which includes transportation by chartered bus.

For additional information, call the Camp Freedman office at TR 6-2074.

Bulletin Board

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

• Robert Pack lectures on "Blake", from the series on Ten Lyric Poets. Kaufmann Art Gallery. 6:15 p.m. \$2.00.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

• Hortense Calisher, author, reads from her works with commentary. Poetry Center program. Kaufmann Concert Hall. 8:30 p.m. \$1.50.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

• Rabbi Hugo Gryn lectures on "Deuteronomy: Paths of Law", from the series — Some Books of the Bible. KAG. 6:15 p.m. \$1.50.

• R. V. Clinton-Baddeley, British lecturer talks on "Working with W. B. Yeats". KAG. 8:30 p.m. \$1.50.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

• "The Wizard of Oz". A play for children, by the Traveling Playhouse. KCH. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$1.50.

• Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz lectures on "Job", from the series on Great Figures in Jewish History. KAG. 6:15 p.m. \$1.50.

• Maurice Samuel lectures on "Franz Kafka", from the series on The Jew in Modern Literature. KCH. 8:30 p.m. \$1.50.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

• Robert Pack lectures on "William Wordsworth", from the series on Ten Lyric Poets. KAG. 6:15 p.m. \$2.00.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

• "La Boheme", an Opera-in-Brief for children by the Amato Opera Company. KCH. 1:30 p.m. \$1.50.

• Mary McCarthy reads from her works with commentary. Poetry Center program. KCH. 8:30 p.m. \$2.50.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

• "Robin Hood", a play for children by The Traveling Playhouse. KCH. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$1.50.

Young Adult Program Underway; Bill Ephraim New Y.A. Supervisor

A full and varied program of activities for Young Adults got underway during the past two weeks, with many more exciting and stimulating programs in the offing, according to Y Club Department Director David Steiner.

Mr. Steiner also announced the appointment of William ("Bill") Ephraim as supervisor of the Young Adult and Adult Division for the new 1963-64 season.

Mr. Ephraim comes to the Y from the Yonkers Jewish Community Center where he served as program director for the past 13 years.

A day-by-day review of Y young adult activities now in progress is listed below:

SUNDAY — *Theater Forum*, 6 to 7:30, and the *Musical Comedy Workshop* from 7:30 to 9, both led by Ethel Stevens, who so successfully directed these groups



Maurice Samuel, the renowned Jewish author and lecturer, discusses "The Jew in Modern Literature" this Tuesday evening, November 5, at 8:30 in Kaufmann Concert Hall in the first of 4 lecture programs. Mr. Samuel's topics include Franz Kafka, Thomas Mann, Marcel Proust and James Joyce's "Ulysses".

last year. *The Young Adult Guitar Class*, 6:30 to 7:30; *The Young Adult Folk-Singing Group* 7:30 to 9. A discussion group is set to meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and promises to provide some very stimulating sessions. The very popular Jeremy Lerner will be back with the Young Adult division to head up a series on *Modern Jewish Authors* at 8 p.m. Two social clubs are under way, the *Club A*, returning from last season with meetings set for 8 p.m., and a newly formed group, the *Club Viscounts*, which will be meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This group is open for membership to young men between the ages of 21 and 24 and young women 19 and up. The *Young Adult Social Dances* got off to an informal start last Sunday, and a real big shindig is set for this Sunday (Nov. 3) 9 to 11 p.m.

TUESDAY — *Y Players*, dramatic group with Ethel Stevens at 8:15 p.m., the *Photo Society* with Leon Forman at 8 p.m., the *Les Amis Social Club* at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY — *Creative Dramatics Club* with Ethel Stevens, 8 p.m.

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Children's Activities On TV Last Sunday

Examples of children's creative arts at the 92nd Street Y were highlighted on a television program called "Point of View" on WOR-TV last Sunday morning, October 27.

Mrs. Leonard P. Borchard, a Y Board member, hosted the program, which included a talk on Noar activities by Barbara Schram, Noar supervisor; a dramatic improvisation by drama leader Michael Henry and five Noar children; and a rendition of songs from last year's Children Drama Workshop by drama department staffer Irma Jurist.

Y Noar Parents Plan Monthly "Getting-to-know-you" Meetings

A series of parents' meetings will be held by each of the NOAR after-school play groups during the month of November, with the parents getting to know their children's leaders and vice-versa.

At the meetings, the parents are expected to discuss ways in which they can pool transportation, establish exchanges of skates and bikes and other costly items that children quickly outgrow.

Residents To Learn of Y In "Town Hall" Meeting

A review of the variety of Y activities available to residents will be given at a "Town Hall" meeting this Thursday evening, October 31, at 8 p.m. in the Residence Lounge.

Mr. Carl Urbont, Executive Director of the Y, will be guest speaker.

Plans are also being formulated this week to establish a Residents' Advisory Committee, composed of Y residents. The eventual hope is to build this into a Residents' Association.

Those interested in joining the committee should apply to the Residence Office.

There will also be some preliminary planning done for the first all-day outing for the NOAR division which will be held in late November at the Henry Kaufmann Campgrounds.

Plans are also being formulated to repeat last season's highly successful "You and Your Child" series, at which distinguished leaders in the field of education, psychology, camping and health shared their ideas and information with many of the Y parents. This program will begin around the 1st of January.

Barbara Schram is directing NOAR activities for the 1963-64 season.

Young Adults' Dance Opens Season Sunday

A "get-together" dance — featuring music and entertainment — begins the Young Adult Sunday night social season this Sunday, November 3, from 9 to 11 p.m. in Buttenwieser Hall.

In addition, an opportunity will be provided the young adults to learn about the various social, cultural, recreational and educational activities available during the coming year.

Admission to the dance is 50¢ for Y members, \$1.00 to others.



A mirthful scene from "La Boheme", an Opera-in-Brief by the Amato Opera Company, which will be presented for children in Kaufmann Concert Hall on Sunday afternoon, November 10, at 1:30. Skillfully combining narration with song, the opera is condensed into an hour and a half production and is recommended for children, ages 6 to 12.

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Sports Shorts

The Y's Varsity handball team, with national champions Jimmy Jacobs and Marty Decatur heading the lineup, play at the Philadelphia Athletic Club on November 3 and at the New York Athletic Club on November 15.

Two nine-week courses in Scuba Skin Diving will be held in the Y pool in early Spring. Watch BULLETIN for dates and Physical Education Director Al Stein for details.

A Judo class for beginners has been scheduled on Sunday mornings from noon to 12:45 under the leadership of Steve Weig. This class is in addition to the regular Tuesday evening Judo class from 7:30 to 9.

Gym staffer Lou Kramberg will conduct a handball clinic each Wednesday evening at 7:40 on court #5.

Chorale & Symphony Continue Auditions

The Y Choral Society and Y Children's Chorale, both under the direction of Ilana Rubinfeld, and the Y Symphonic Workshop, under the direction of Maurice Levine, have started rehearsals and are hard at work on their season's programs.

All three organizations are holding auditions and Y members still have an opportunity to join.

Men and women with musical voices and some ability to read music are invited to join the Choral Society, which meets on Tuesday evenings at 8:15 in Bittenwieser Hall.

On Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in Bittenwieser Lounge, Mr. Levine conducts the Y Symphonic Workshop, whose reputation as one of the finest non-professional orchestras in the city has grown steadily.

The Children's Chorale—a new activity of the Music School—is open to boys between the ages of 8 and 12 and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 and meets on Friday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. in the Old Timers' Room. Auditions are held at 3:15 p.m.

Volunteers Sought For Varied Y Work

Volunteers who can work in an office, use the typewriter, teach social dancing, lead folk singing or act as hostesses are still being sought for work at the Y.

Those interested should call for an appointment with Mrs. Florence Arginteanu, Y Projects Director, as soon as possible.

Jewish Book Month Observance Planned Nov. 8 To Dec. 8

"Jewish Book Month" will be observed here in the Y and throughout the country from November 8 to December 8.

The annual event is sponsored by the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Special displays of Jewish books and magazines will be on view in the Library for the entire month.

Young Adult Programs . . .

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THURSDAY — Y Players, dramatic group, 7 p.m.; **Darkroom Workshop** at 8:30 p.m., with Leon Solomon.

Groups in the process of forming or reorganizing are the social groups including *Club 92*, the *Adult League*, and a newly formed *Couples Club*. Special interest groups almost ready to get under way are the *Bridge Club*, *Chess Club*, the *Jewish Roundtable*, and the *Thursday Night Liberal Forum*, which is due to start early in November.

A series for parents, "You And Your Child" is being planned and the opening date will be announced shortly.

A new training course for those young adults and adults who are interested in giving volunteer service to some of the many Jewish Federation Agencies is also being developed and will provide orientation in this field and help to develop leadership skills.

As the season progresses other new groups and courses and activities will be developed to meet the needs and interests of the membership.

Among some of the things being considered are: A course in Securities and Investments, a Travel Series, a series of Distinguished Films, a course in Preparation for Marriage and Preparation for Parenthood, a Tournament Bridge Club, and an Outdoor and Ski Club.

Watch Bulletin for announcements of these many new and exciting activities.

Members interested in participating in any of the groups are urged to visit Reva Galitz in the Membership Department.

Residence News

The season's first Residence Brunch was held on Sunday morning, October 27, when more than 100 new Y residents were welcomed officially to the building.

Joseph Eron was chairman of the Brunch committee and Y Board Members Mrs. Abraham N. Rosen and Mrs. George Kurzman acted as hostesses.

A program of musical entertainment highlighted the program.

Residents who wish to receive anti-flu vaccinations should sign up for same in the Residence Office, or with Miss Blume, the Residence Nurse.

The appointment of two staff assistants to aid the Residence Department in carrying out their programs this season was announced recently by Y Residence Director Mordecai Kessler.

They are Gilda Ingall and Michael Blinick.

Miss Ingall is currently a student at the New York School of Social Work of Columbia University and graduated from Boston University and Hebrew Teachers College.

Mr. Blinick is a graduate student at CCNY, where he is majoring in Political Science.

Two Holiday Plays For Children On November 5 and 11

Two special holiday entertainment programs for children will be staged in Kaufmann Concert Hall on Election Day (Nov. 5) and on Veterans Day (Nov. 11).

The Traveling Playhouse offers the popular tale of "The Wizard of Oz" at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. as the Election Day event, while "Robin Hood" will be presented for children at the same times on Veterans Day.

Tickets for each program are priced at \$1.50 each and can be purchased in the Educational Department office, Room 259. Special rates of 60¢ a ticket are available for groups of 20 or more.

Production Workshop Tryouts For Teen-age Actors Nov. 6, 13

Production Workshop, the performing theatre group of the Y Children's Drama Department, will hold tryouts for new members in the Studio Theatre (one flight down opposite the elevators) on Wednesdays, November 6 and 13 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Production Workshop offers young players (ages 8 through 16)

the opportunity to perform in a full-scale production which will be presented in the Y Studio Theatre for a series of performances in the spring.

"We are particularly looking for talented teen-age performers," said Miss Sharon, Director of the Children's Drama Department.

"Our plans for this season's plays are unusual as well as challenging. We will present a play of the Commedia Dell'Arte period either by Goldoni or by Gozzi as well as a modern melodrama using mime techniques. Both projects require young actors who can move well and who enjoy slapstick comedy so necessary to the playing of comedy Italian Style. The Workshop is unusual because of its age range and some of our best performers have been the younger members."

"The Workshop is a two-semester project," continued Miss Sharon, "because in the true manner of a Workshop, time is spent learning about Italian Comedy. People don't realize that many of the best plays by Moliere, even our own American vaudeville as well as Charlie Chaplin is based on Commedia Dell'Arte."

Members of the Workshop will be introduced to the famous Commedia characters (Harlequin, Pierrot, Isabella etc.) through a series of practical workshop classes taught by Carlo Mazzone, one of this country's leading exponents of the Mime. Mr. Mazzone will act with the members of the Workshop using masks and situations from Italian Comedy. He will teach the members some of the comedy business and pantomime. Mr. Mazzone assisted Giovanni Poli of Venice in his New York production of Carlo Gozzi's *The Green Bird*. This past summer, Mr. Mazzone taught as well as directed at the Spoleto Festival in Italy.

In past seasons, Production Workshop has presented Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a musical *The Prince Who Learned Everything Out of Books* with original music by Irma Jurist a well-known song satirist and composer who teaches in the Children's Drama Department, and *Emil and the Detectives*.

Emil and the Detectives, the longest running hit, was first presented in the Studio Theatre three seasons ago. It was so successful that The Pocket Players, a professional theatre company performing for children, produced the play off-Broadway.

"The detectives are still played by children who are members of Production Workshop," says Miss Sharon, also Artistic Director of The Pocket Players, "but the adult roles are now being performed by professional actors. Three of our original children's cast — Jeffrey Friedman, Michael Pressman and Nina Hellman — are still in the present cast of Emil. Jeffrey Friedman who plays the leading role of Emil, has developed into a first rate actor."

Emil will be touring through February and will be playing at the McMillan Theatre in New York and at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Reflecting about the past productions of the Workshop, Miss Sharon added that the Production Workshop has always been successful because of its members. We have always had members who worked hard and who know that to put on a play has little to do with learning lines . . . teamwork is an important factor. Jessica Walters who played on Broadway last season in *Photo Finish* and will soon be seen in Robert Rosen's film *Liluth* was a former Workshop member as well as Maria Tucci, presently acting in *Corruption in the Palace of Justice* now playing at The Cherry Lane.

Miss Sharon believes that young people should not be in plays just to have fun because they are on a stage, but to enjoy themselves by working seriously in something they love.

"I have never tried to make professional actors of my students," she concluded. "We have always worked as devoted amateurs as did musicians of the 18th century. I believe if professional actors could enjoy themselves as much as can young people who love what they are doing, we might have better performers in our theatre."

Applicants for the Production Workshop should write to Miss Sharon (Chairman, Children's Drama Department) for information on tuition and the limited number of scholarships offered.

Hold "Dance" Jamboree For Inters on Sunday

A "Teen Dance Jamboree" for Intermediates will be held in Bittenwieser Hall this Sunday afternoon, November 3, from 5 to 7 p.m.

There will be a program of entertainment by singing groups in addition to the social dancing.

Admission is 35¢ and each Intermediate will be permitted to bring one guest.



Members of Muriel Sharon's Production Workshop perform in their 1961 production of "Emil and the Detectives". The cast includes (l. to r.) Rosanne Schnur, Jeffrey Friedman, Thea Duell, Nina Hellman and Ray Schuler. Tryout sessions for this season's Production Workshop group will be held on Wednesday afternoons, November 6 and 13, from 4 to 6:30 in the Studio Theatre. (see above story).